

BRENTWOOD CONSERVATION COMMISSION

Meeting of January 18, 2012

Members In attendance: Doug Cowie, Jody Kaufman, Emily Schmalzer, Heather Dudley-Tatman and Rob Wofchuck, chair

Alternates in attendance: Victor Schmalzer and Reid Bunker

Guests in attendance: John Casey, PSNH
Bradley Mezquita, Tighe & Bond

Meeting convened at 7:05PM.

- 1) Cowie made motion and Wofchuck seconded to give V Schmalzer and Bunker voting rights.
- 2) The November 9, 2011, minutes were moved by Cowie and seconded by Kaufman. V Schmalzer asked that sentence be added to include that Glenn Greenwood of RPC would provide map showing fluvial erosion zones overlaid on existing regulations. Bunker made motion to approve minutes as amended and Cowie seconded. The motion passed with all in favor.
- 3) PSNH representative John Casey and Bradley Mezquita of Tighe & Bond presented two wetland Permit by Notifications. One is for 42, 120 square feet of impacts to the area of the A126 transmission line near structures 221-225 with access off of Prescott Road. The second is for 16920 square feet of wetland impacts to the area of the A126 transmission line located on both sides of Route 125. For both projects the work is intended to be winter work when the ground is frozen and ideally snow covered. The work will be performed with track-mounted equipment and will use mats for protection during wetland crossings. The routes taken to access the areas where repairs work to the transmission line structures is required were designed to minimize the wetland impacts however crossing wetlands in not unavoidable in the right-of-ways. Some of the wetlands which will be impacted have been designated as Prime Wetlands. Cowie moves that the commission has no adverse comments or concerns with the permit by notifications as detailed during the meeting. Bunker seconded the motion and the potion passed with all in favor.
- 4) Cowie and Wofchuck provided an update on the Stormwater Project.
 - i) There have been some questions on the ownership of the land. The river location has changed over time and this has presented survey challenges. It appears most of the work will be in town owned land.
 - ii) The survey for the easement has been completed.
 - iii) Engineering and wetland permits will be worked on next.
- 5) Wofchuck stated that an Outreach brochure on fertilizer use is in the works and that Len Lord from RCCD is going to work on in. The commission discussed the means of distributing to the town. The options being considered is a separate mailing or to see if it could be included in the Newsletter.
- 6) Wofchuck provided an update on Open Space. The closing for the easement on the Lyford property is schedule for the end of the month. Dave Viali has three applications with updated form in for the next round of WRP grant funding.

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7) Wofchuck stated that after some additional research and discussions regarding the previously proposed evaluation of the water quality of the Exeter River and associated tributaries as it enters and leaves the Town he would recommend that this wait until further EPA and State decisions are made. Following discussion, Bunker moved to table the water quality monitoring. Cowie seconded and the motion passed.

8) The commission will sponsor a roadside cleanup event to coincide with the celebration of Earth Day. The date of Saturday, April 21st was selected. Following some discussion E. Schmalzer and Dudley-Tatman will work on coordinating the event.

9) Wofchuck provided an update on Easement mentoring.

- i) The SELT to do the monitoring for the Commercial Drive easement this month.
- ii) The monitoring needs to be completed for 2011.
- iii) Wofchuck prepared a schedule for the aerial monitoring to be completed by the Southeast Land Trust (SELT). . The SELT protocol is that aerial monitoring can be completed for two years and then an on-foot monitoring even should be conducted on the third year. The SELT will perform the aerial reporting and the on foot monitoring will be performed by the commission and will be staggered during the 3 year period.

10) Wofchuck and E Schmalzer attended the Lamprey River Symposium. Both said it was good and informative with multiple sessions on a variety of topics.

At 9:01 PM, Bunker moved to adjourn, Cowie seconded and the motion carried.

Respectfully submitted by Heather Dudley-Tatman